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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1960

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GATE HOUSE,

CHEPSTOW, MON.

DECEMBER, 1961

TEL. NO. 2657

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Mr. D.J. Turner.

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Mr. W.A. Hood.

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. E.N. Dowell.

CHEPSTOW      URBAN      DISTRICT      COUNCIL

Gate House,

CHEPSTOW, Mon.

December, 1961.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the  
Chepstow Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary  
Conditions of your District for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

The health of the district continues to be satisfactory.


I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor  
and Mr. Turner for their help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

E.N. Dowell.

Medical Officer of Health.



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## Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

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## BIRTHS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	59	60	119
Illegitimate	2	1	3

There were III live births in 1957 and 81 in 1952.

The live birth rate per 1,000 of population for Monmouthshire was 17.29.

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1

There were no still births in 1958.

## INFANT MORTALITY

## Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2

The following gives a list of the deaths of infants under one year of age, giving age at and cause of death:-

- |             |       |                           |
|-------------|-------|---------------------------|
| (i) Female  | 1 day | 1a. Atelectasis of lungs. |
|             |       | b. Prematurity.           |
| (ii) Female | 1 day | 1a. Subdural Haemorrhage. |
|             |       | b. Tentorial Tear.        |
|             |       | II. Atelectasis.          |

In 1952 there were 5 deaths of infants under one year of age.

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births for Monmouthshire was 25.5

## DEATHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths.	57	48	105

In 1958 there were 120 deaths registered.

Of the deaths registered in 1960, 40 had died in hospitals in your Area and although they were not residents, had been in hospital for more than six months before the occurrence of death.

For the ninth consecutive year, no deaths were attributed to childbirth.

In 1958 four deaths were attributed to malignant disease of the lung.

The following table gives a classification of the causes of death and the number attributed to each cause.

DEATHS IN CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT 1960

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	3	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	2	2
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	5	12
Coronary disease, angina.	9	6
Hypertension with heart disease.	1	2
Other heart disease.	15	10
Other circulatory disease.	2	2
Pneumonia.	1	1
Bronchitis.	3	-
Other diseases of respiratory system.	2	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea.	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	6	6
Motor vehicle accidents.	1	1
All other accidents.	2	1
Homicide and operations of war.	1	-
Total.	57	48

## GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

### DIPHTHERIA

For the eighth consecutive year, no case has been notified.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Of the 90 children born in 1959, only 33 had been immunised by the end of 1960. 4 children born in 1960 were immunised by the end of the year.

On the 28.11.60 a Monmouthshire County Council Circular gave notice that the County Council had given approval to the use of Triple Antigen (combined Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus) in its immunisation arrangements. This means that only three injections are now required to immunise against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough. It is hoped that this reduction from five to three injections will help to increase the number of children protected against both diseases.

As in 1958 and 1959 there were no cases of poliomyelitis notified and so it was not necessary to suspend diphtheria immunisations.

### VACCINATIONS (Smallpox)

During the year 82 primary vaccinations were carried out against smallpox. Of this number 33 were babies born in 1960 and 31 were those born in 1959.

### WHOOPIING COUGH

As in 1957, 1958, and 1959, no cases were notified.

During the year 71 children were immunised against whooping cough and of this number 70 were children in the age group 0-4 years.

### SCARLET FEVER

As in 1959 no cases were notified. In 1958 there were 8.

### MEASLES

Two cases were notified. In 1959 four cases were notified.



### POLIOMYELITIS

As in 1955, 1956, 1958 and 1959, no cases were notified. In 1957 two cases were notified and these occurred in one family.

Children from the Urban District continued to be vaccinated at the Clinic. During 1959 the Poliomyelitis Scheme was extended to include all persons under the age of 26 years. Of this new age group 999 were given two injections. This year 930 of the above received a booster injection.

### DYSENTERY

No cases were notified. In 1956 there were 21 notifications.

### FOOD POISONING

As in 1957, 1958, and 1959, no cases of food poisoning were notified.

### TUBERCULOSIS

No new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. 64 children of the District whose ages were 13/14 years were vaccinated against Tuberculosis.

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN  
TUBERCULOSIS) ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>CASES NOTIFIED</u>						
	<u>AGE GROUPS</u>						
	Under 1 yr.	1 2	3 4	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 & over
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
							2

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER, 1960

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the district is supplied with a piped water supply. As from the 1st October, 1960, the Chepstow Water Co., a private Company which had previously supplied water to the Urban District for a long number of years, ceased to operate and was taken over by the newly constituted Board. The Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board, comprising the County Borough of Newport, Urban Districts of Caerleon, Chepstow and Cwmbran and the Rural Districts of Chepstow and Magor & St. Mellons.

Owing to the rapid development of the Council's housing schemes in the Bulwark area, difficulty had been experienced during dry summers in maintaining an adequate supply, the the new Board have already carried out works or ring maining with additional supplies within their area which it is hoped will considerably improve the situation.

Due to the siting of the giant new Steelworks at Llanwern, the land forming the periphery of the U.D. is expected to develop rapidly for private residential development, and in this connection the Board have already prepared schemes for additional mains to be laid.

Samples of water are regularly taken for both chemical and bacteriological examination, the results being satisfactory. The water is not subject to plumbo-solvency.

SWIMMING & BATHING POOLS

There are no swimming pools within the area.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

In view of the extensions being made and to be made to the Council's sewerage system, the Council engaged the services of Consulting Engineers to investigate and report upon the situation in Chepstow as regards sewerage and sewage disposal.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Almost the whole of the dwelling houses within the Urban District are provided with waterclosets connected to the Council's sewerage system. A small number of dwellings are drained into cesspools, but as these are situated in the sparsely populated parts of the district, no trouble is experienced.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

At the present time, domestic and trade refuse is collected twice weekly from all premises with a more frequent collection for the business premises within the Town Centre.

Disposal is effected by tipping in a large depression adjacent to the Chepstow Racecourse.

## HOUSING

### Housing Act 1957

During the year under review, work proceeded in connection with the rehousing of the families to be displaced from three confirmed Clearance Areas, including some 15 families.

Three families were also rehoused by the Council, from individual unfit houses found to be not capable of repair at reasonable expense. Of the three properties involved, one was demolished, and undertakings not to relet for human habitation were accepted in connection with the other two properties.

### HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT 1959

Sixteen applications for Standard Grants were received and approved during the year, the amenities provided and the amount of grant being available, varying in each case.

## INSPECTION OF COUNCIL HOUSES

Regular inspection of houses owned by the Local Authority again continued during the year, selected areas being chosen from time to time. Generally, the houses were maintained in a very good condition, and the general state of cleanliness was found to be excellent.

### FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Satisfactory co-operation has been achieved with the food traders, and during the year under review, there were complete alterations to several premises, resulting in a higher standard of hygiene being able to be maintained.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

The whole of the milk supplied within the district is imported, all consisting of bottled milk of the designated grades.

Fourteen samples of milk were abstracted from retailers during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination, and in each case satisfied the prescribed test.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949 to 1954  
MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) PASTEURISED AND STERILISED  
REGULATIONS, 1949 to 1953

Number of Licences Issued	...	...	...	14
Dealers Licence to Retail Pasteurised Milk				3
Dealers Licence to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk				3
Dealers Licence to retail Sterilised Milk				2
Supplementary Licence to retail Pasteurised Milk				3
Supplementary Licence to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk			...	3

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS,  
1959.

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES

Manufacturers (Cold Mix)	....	....	....	....	Nil
Retailers	....	....	....	....	26

# FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959

The under-mentioned visits were carried out during the year in connection with the administration of the Factories Acts:-

## PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Insp. (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	
(1) Factories in which Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	3	5	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	35	-	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
TOTAL:-		38	5	-	-	



## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases'.)

	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred To H.M. By H.M. Insp. Insp.		No. of cases in which prosecut- ions were instituted	M/c line No.
		Found	Remedied				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4						4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5						5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7						7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8						8
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient	9						9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11						11
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork).	12						12
TOTAL:-							

# NOTICES SERVED

Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	21
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	7
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	2
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	2

## GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Council-house repairs, rehousing etc.	...	...	...	...	...	271
- Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	154
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	5
Rodent Infestation	...	...	...	...	...	35
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	...	28
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	57
Visits re: Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	...	26
Water and Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	...	44
Public Utilities Street Works	...	...	...	...	...	17
Refuse Collection & Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	11
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	72
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	8
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	119
HCUSING (Public Health & Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	37
HOUSING (No. of inspections made for that purpose)	...	...	...	...	...	130
Smoke observations	...	...	...	...	...	7
Means of escape in Case of Fire from certain high Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	11
Visits in connection with Applications for Standard and Discretionary Grants	...	...	...	...	...	47
Building Byelaws (New dwellings etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	173
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	5
Schools (Provision of Additional San. conveniences)	...	...	...	...	...	4



MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

	Cattle (exclud- ing Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	5	-	2	104	-	-
Number inspected	5	-	2	104	-	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerchi.						
Whole carcass condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease, other than Tub- erculosis and cysticerchi.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION (Contd.)

	Cattle (exclud- ing Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Cysticercosis: Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-				

Number of visits to Slaughterhouse ... .. 28

In addition, routine visits were made to butchers shops to ensure that meat consignments from outside the district had been inspected at their source of origin.

CONDEMNATION OF UNSOUND FOOD

				Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs
<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u>							
Whole carcases condemned	....			-	-	-	-
Meat	....	....		-	-	-	-
Offal	....	....		-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-				-	-	-	-
<u>NON-TUBERCULOSIS</u>							
Whole carcases condemned	....			-	-	-	-
Meat	....	....		-	-	-	-
Offal	....	....		-	-	-	16
TOTAL:-				-	-	-	16
Total amount -- Tuberculosis and Non-Tuberculosis:-				-	-	-	16
<u>OTHER FOODS</u>							
Cooked Ham	....	....		-	-	2	21
Beef	....	....		-	1	3	20
Pork	....	....		-	-	-	20
Mutton	....	....		-	-	-	11
Pork Sausage	....	....		-	-	2	4
Prawns				-	-	-	80
Herring Melts	....	....		-	-	-	12
Roast Pork	....	....		-	-	-	14
TOTAL:-				-	3	2	14
TINS	....	....	....	....	....	....	563
ESCALLOPS	....	....	....	....	....	....	-

# CATTLE MARKET

The Council control the Cattle Market, markets being held on alternate Mondays.

Animals entering the Market during the twelve months ending the 31st December, 1960, were as follows:-

<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>PIGS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
744	566	8,152	832	10,294



